

## **ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 1E**

We need strong levees and clean water, but Proposition 1E is the wrong solution. This measure is full of misguided priorities and doesn't have any controls on funds. The most important thing we can do is to make sure we have enough water for our growing population but 1E doesn't spend a cent on that.

Prop 1E sounds good, but it means higher taxes for projects that local and federal governments should already be doing.

- Proposition 1E won't provide "Clean Water" to drink:

California's population is expected to grow to fifty million people in the next decade. This will place an enormous strain on our water supply.

However, this bond will not provide a single drop of drinking water for California's growing population. It will not build a single water storage reservoir or water treatment facility. Yet it will give hundreds of millions to private organizations to spend on their pet projects, and lets them use these funds for their own "administrative costs."

- Benefits local urban projects:

Rural California loses under Proposition 1E. State taxpayers' money from these bonds will go to protecting cities and their water supplies. These communities and their local governments should be paying for their own water supply improvements. Local tax dollars should be used to fund these projects, not state funds.

- Federal responsibility:

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Instead of putting the state in more debt to pay for these levee repair projects, our state should be demanding more federal funding. This is a federal responsibility, California taxes are already high and we shouldn't have to pay more taxes to protect ourselves because the federal government won't plan for disasters.

- Fiscally irresponsible:

By taking on what are really local and federal responsibilities, we are encouraging mismanagement from all levels of government. And they will expect taxpayers to foot the bill down the road rather than refocusing their priorities.

- Californians must focus on our priorities:

While our economy is slowly recovering, approving Proposition 1E would be like taking out a loan to buy new patio furniture when you can't afford to pay your mortgage or rent. At the same time, this measure means less money for other important priorities like education, health care or public safety.

The state can't take responsibility for every project in the state. These projects should be paid for by the local and federal agencies responsible for these public safety issues. If we don't make them reprioritize their spending, our children will continue to foot the bill for their short-sighted planning and mismanagement.

Proposition 1E is bad for families, bad for taxpayers, and bad for California. Vote NO on 1E.

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